



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 5 – Warehouse Fire – 200 Block of South Park Avenue**

Dispatch time – 1716  
On-scene time – 1718  
Fire under control – 1809

Heavy smoke and flames were seen coming from the roof of this warehouse shopping complex just after 5 p.m. The first 8 units and 25 firefighters that arrived on scene worked quickly to ensure all occupants were safe and out of the building. Flames had already burned through the roof and were making their way to adjacent businesses, so additional units were called to the scene to assist. It took about 50 minutes for twenty-five units and seventy-five firefighters to control this three-alarm blaze. Three of the 5-to-6 businesses in this complex suffered significant smoke and flame damage, and all will be closed until repairs can be made and power can be restored. Power was disconnected because fire damaged electrical wiring throughout the entire building.

Damage estimate - \$600,000  
Cause – under investigation.  
No injuries were reported.

Safety Message: Sprinkler systems save lives and property. They are 96% effective in controlling a fire and preventing it from spreading to the remainder of the structure. Today we had two separate incidents which revealed the importance of having a sprinkler system in every building. We had a fire in the Hollister Store, in Park Mall, at 1140 last night. One sprinkler head activated and extinguished the fire. The cause was accidental from an electrical malfunction in a light. Tonight we had a fire in this warehouse with no sprinkler system in place. The fire was not noticed until flames were seen coming through the roof.